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LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

(Currently Amended) Dry powder inhaler, (1) with comprising:

a mouthpiece (2) for dispersing pharmaceutical drug formulations, having

a Laval nozzle communicating with the mouthpiece.

a device for supplying a powder formulation in communication with the Laval nozzle,

an auxiliary energy source in the form of a pressure medium system in communication with the device for supplying the powder formulation (3), with

wherein a device for provisioning (6) of a powder formulation (7), whereby upon activation of the pressure medium system, a gaseous pressure medium (8) is released by the pressure medium system (3) forms into the device for supplying the powder formulation, and forms an aerosol with the powder formulation (7) an aerosol (9) in such a way that the powder particles are present in dispersed form within the gaseous pressure medium (8), characterized in that provided in the inhaler (1) is a prior to entering the Laval nozzle, (10) through which the serosol (9) flows before entering the mouthpiece, and leaving the inhaler (1).

2-6. (Cancelled)

 (Currently Amended) Dry powder inhaler (+1)-according to claim 1, characterized in that the narrowest cross section (+4)-of the Laval nozzle (+0) is about 100 um to 1500 um.

8. (Cancelled)

- (Currently Amended) Dry powder inhaler (1) according to claim 1, characterized
 in that the pressure medium system (3) exhibits includes a pump that is connected to the
 surroundings and uses ambient air as the pressure medium (8).
- (Currently Amended) Dry powder inhaler (++) according to claim 1, characterized
 in that the pressure medium system (3)-includes a cartridge that stores the pressure medium-(8).

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11. (Cancelled)

- 12. (Currently Amended) Dry powder inhaler (+)—according to claim 10, characterized in that air, N2, CO2, Ar, or He is provided as the pressure medium (+8).
- 13. (Currently Amended) Dry powder inhaler (+)-according to claim 1, characterized in that the device for <u>supplying previsioning (6) of the powder formulation (7)-is placed between the pressure medium system (3)-and the Laval nozzle (+0)-in such a way that the pressure medium (8)-must pass through the device-(6).</u>
- (Currently Amended) Dry powder inhaler (+)-according to claim 1, characterized
 in that the device for provisioning (6) of supplying the powder formulation (7)-comprises a
 capsule (+5)-filled with powder (7).

(Cancelled)

- 16. (Currently Amended) Dry powder inhaler (+)-according to claim 1, characterized in that the device for provisioning (6) of supplying the powder formulation (7)-comprises a multidose blister container.
- (Currently Amended) Dry powder inhaler (+)-according to claim 1, wherein the
 mouthpiece (2)-comprises a flow rate sensor (+19)-that generates an input signal for the pressure
 medium system-(3).
- 18. (Currently Amended) Dry powder inhaler (+)—according to claim 1, further comprising an inlet channel, whereby inhalation air is drawn in through the inlet channel, and whereby a swirling flow of the inhalation air is created between the outlet section (+2) and the outlet of the mouthpiece (2).
 - 19. (Currently Amended) Dry powder inhaler (4)-according to claim 1, characterized

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in that the Laval nozzle (+10)-and an inlet channel (+18)-for inhalation air are arranged in such a way that the aerosol flow leaving the Laval nozzle (+10)-and the inhalation air are directed in opposite directions (+10)-7).

20. (Currently Amended) Dry powder inhaler (++)-according to claim 1, characterized in that the Laval nozzle (+0)-and an inlet channel (+8)-for inhalation air are arranged in such a way that the aerosol flow leaving the Laval nozzle (+0)-and the inhalation air collide with each other at an angle.

21. (Currently Amended) Dry powder inhaler (+)—according to claim 18, characterized in that the-a_channel (30)—that guides the aerosol flow and the inlet channels (+8) for the inhalation air empty into a swirl chamber (29), whereby the aerosol eloud-is directed from the swirl chamber (29) to the Laval nozzle (+10) (Fig.-6).

22-34. (Cancelled)